

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-26 (cancelled)

27. (currently amended): A solid aqueous gel comprising: i) at least one hydrophilic gelling agent, ii) at least one cellulose derivative, and iii) a pulverulent phase comprising at least one component chosen from pigments and pearlescent agents, wherein the combination of the hydrophilic gelling agent and the cellulose derivative is present in the gel in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to less than 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

28. (currently amended): A gel according to claim 27, wherein the at least one hydrophilic gelling agent is chosen from polysaccharides, ~~protein derivatives,~~ synthetic gels of polyesters, and semisynthetic gels of polyesters, polyacrylates, polymethacrylates, ~~and derivatives thereof,~~ and protein derivatives.

29. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 28, wherein the synthetic and semisynthetic gels of the polyesters are sulfonic synthetic and semisynthetic gels of the polyester.

30. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 28, wherein the at least one hydrophilic gelling agent is a polysaccharide chosen from:

- extracts of algae,
- exudates of microorganisms,
- fruit extracts,
- gelling agents of animal origin,

- polysaccharides possessing a side chain and 6 neutral sugars, and
- mixtures thereof.

31. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 30, wherein the extracts of algae are chosen from agar, carrageenans, and alginates.

32. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 31, wherein the alginates are chosen from alginates of sodium and calcium.

33. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 30, wherein the exudates of microorganisms are chosen from xanthan gum, derivatives of xanthan gum, and gellan gum.

34. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 30, wherein the fruit extracts are chosen from pectins.

35. (currently amended): A gel according to claim 30, wherein the gelling agents of animal origin are chosen from bovine protein derivatives of ~~bovine~~ and fish protein derivatives.

36. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 35, wherein the gelling agents of animal origin are chosen from caseinates and gelatin of bovine and fish origin.

37. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 28, wherein the at least one hydrophilic gelling agent is chosen from gellan and carrageenans.

38. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, wherein the at least one hydrophilic gelling agent is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 19.9% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

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39. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 38, wherein the at least one hydrophilic gelling agent is present in an amount ranging from 0.2% to 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

40. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, wherein the at least one cellulose derivative is chosen from cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, and celluloses which are modified by grafting an alkyl group.

41. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 40, wherein the at least one cellulose derivative is carboxymethyl cellulose.

42. (currently amended): A gel according to claim 27, wherein the at least one cellulose derivative is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 10%[,] by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

43. (currently amended): A gel according to claim 27, wherein the pigments are chosen from titanium, zirconium dioxides; ~~and~~ cerium dioxides; zinc oxides; iron oxides; ~~and~~ chromium oxides; nanotitaniums; ferric blue; carbon black; calcium salts of acidic dyes; barium salts of acidic dyes; aluminium salts of acidic dyes; zirconium salts of acidic dyes; pigments coated with silicone compounds; pigments coated with polymers; pigments coated with fluorinated compounds; and mixtures thereof.

44. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 43, wherein the salts of acidic dyes are chosen from the salts of halo-acid dyes, salts of azo dyes, and salts of anthraquinone dyes.

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45. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 43, wherein the pigments coated with silicone compounds are chosen from polydimethylsiloxanes.

46. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 43, wherein the pigments coated with polymers are chosen from polyethylenes.

47. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, wherein at least one pigment is present in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to 40% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

48. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 47, wherein at least one pigment is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 30% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

49. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 48, wherein at least one pigment is present in an amount ranging from 1% to 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

50. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, wherein the pearlescent agents are chosen from natural pearl, mica coated with titanium oxide, mica coated with iron oxide, natural pigment, bismuth oxychloride, and colored mica-titanium.

51. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, wherein at least one pearlescent agent is present in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to 40% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

52. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 51, wherein at least one pearlescent agent is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 30% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

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53. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 52, wherein at least one pearlescent agent is present in an amount ranging from 1% to 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

54. (currently amended): A gel according to claim 27, wherein the pulverulent phase is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 40%[,] by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

55. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 54, wherein the pulverulent phase is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

56. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, further comprising at least one filler.

57. (currently amended): A gel according to claim 56, wherein the at least one filler is chosen from talc, mica, silica, kaolin, Nylon powder, poly-β-alanine powder, polyethylene powder, Teflon, lauroyllysine, starch, boron nitride, bismuth oxychloride, tetrafluoroethylene polymer powders, polymethyl methacrylate powders, polyurethane powders, polystyrene powders, polyester powders, synthetic hollow microspheres, microsponges, microbeads of silicone resin, zinc oxides, and titanium oxides, zirconium oxides, and cerium oxides, precipitated calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium and hydrocarbonate, hydroxyapatite, hollow silica microspheres, glass microcapsules, and ceramic microcapsules, metallic soaps derived from organic carboxylic acids comprising from 8 to 22 carbon atoms, the compounds $\text{SiO}_2/\text{TiO}_2/\text{SiO}_2$, the compound $\text{TiO}_2/\text{CeO}_2/\text{SiO}_2$ and the compound $\text{TiO}_2/\text{ZnO}/\text{talc}$, and polymers of polyethylene terephthalate/polymethacrylate in the form of flakes.

58. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 57, wherein the metallic soaps derived from organic carboxylic acids comprise from 12 to 18 carbon atoms.

59. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 57, wherein the metallic soaps derived from organic carboxylic acids are chosen from zinc, magnesium and lithium stearate, zinc laurate, and magnesium myristate.

60. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 56, wherein the at least one filler is present in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to 60% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

61. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 60, wherein the at least one filler is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 40% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

62. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 61, wherein the at least one filler is present in an amount ranging from 1% to 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

63. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, further comprising at least one salt.

64. (currently amended): A gel according to claim 63, wherein the at least one salt is chosen from calcium nitrate; magnesium nitrate; ~~and~~ strontium nitrate; calcium borate; ~~and~~ magnesium borate; calcium, sodium, magnesium, strontium, neodymium chloride; ~~and~~ manganese chloride; magnesium sulfate; ~~and~~ calcium sulphate; ~~and~~ calcium acetate; and magnesium acetate.

65. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 64, wherein the at least one salt is magnesium chloride.

66. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 63, wherein the at least one salt is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 2% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

67. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 66, wherein the at least one salt is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 1% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

68. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, further comprising a cosmetically or physiologically acceptable medium.

69. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, further comprising a water chosen from floral water, mineral water, and thermal water.

70. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 69, wherein the floral water is cornflower water.

71. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 69, wherein the water is present in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to 99.8% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

72. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 71, wherein the water is present in an amount ranging from 20% to 99% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

73. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, further comprising at least one water-soluble colorant.

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74. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 73, wherein the at least one water-soluble colorant is chosen from the disodium salt of ponceau, the disodium salt of alizarin green, quinoline yellow, the trisodium salt of amaranth, the disodium salt of tartrazine, the monosodium salt of rhodamine, the disodium salt of fuchsin, and xanthophyll.

75. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, further comprising at least one solvent chosen from ethanol, isopropanol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, diethylene glycol, and glycol ethers.

76. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 75, wherein the glycol ethers are chosen from (C₁-C₄) alkyl ethers of mono-, di-, and tripropylene glycol and from mono-, di-, and triethylene glycol.

77. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, further comprising at least one compound chosen from antioxidants, preservatives, hydrophilic cosmetic and pharmaceutical active agents, moisturizers, vitamins, self-tanning compounds, sunscreens, and perfumes.

78. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, wherein said gel is free of liquid fatty substances.

79. (previously presented): A gel according to claim 27, wherein said gel is free of a fatty phase.

80. (currently amended): A make-up product for the skin or the keratinous fibres comprising a solid aqueous gel comprising: i) at least one hydrophilic gelling agent, ii) at least one cellulose derivative, and iii) a pulverulent phase comprising at least one component chosen from pigments and pearlescent agents, wherein the

combination of the hydrophilic gelling agent and the cellulose derivative is present in the gel in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to less than 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

81. (currently amended): A make-up product for the body, a foundation, an eyeshadow, a blusher, a concealer, a lipstick, a pencil for the contour of the lips, a mascara, a pencil for the contour of the eyes, a dyeing or make-up stick for locks of hair comprising a solid aqueous gel comprising: i) at least one hydrophilic gelling agent, ii) at least one cellulose derivative, and iii) a pulverulent phase comprising at least one component chosen from pigments and pearlescent agents, wherein the combination of the hydrophilic gelling agent and the cellulose derivative is present in the gel in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to less than 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

82. (currently amended): A method for applying make-up to the skin and/or the keratinous fibres, comprising applying to the skin and/or the keratinous fibres, a solid aqueous gel comprising: i) at least one hydrophilic gelling agent, ii) at least one cellulose derivative, and iii) a pulverulent phase comprising at least one component chosen from pigments and pearlescent agents, wherein the combination of the hydrophilic gelling agent and the cellulose derivative is present in the gel in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to less than 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

83. (currently amended): A method for applying make-up to the skin and/or the keratinous fibers, comprising applying to the skin and/or the keratinous fibres, a make-up product for the skin or the keratinous fibres comprising a solid

aqueous gel comprising: i) at least one hydrophilic gelling agent, ii) at least one cellulose derivative, and iii) a pulverulent phase comprising at least one component chosen from pigments and pearlescent agents, wherein the combination of the hydrophilic gelling agent and the cellulose derivative is present in the gel in an amount ranging from greater than 0% to less than 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the gel.

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